

Diseases Subject to the International Health Regulations

Cholera, yellow fever, and plague cases and deaths reported in the Region of the Americas up to 31 December 1980

Country and administrative subdivision	Cholera Cases	Yellow fever		Plague Cases
		Cases	Deaths	
BOLIVIA	—	46	39	23
Cochabamba	—	12	8	—
La Paz	—	32	30	23
Santa Cruz	—	1	1	—
Tarija	—	1	—	—
BRAZIL	—	26	23	91
Bahía	—	—	—	6
Ceará	—	—	—	78
Goiás	—	21	20	—
Maranhão	—	4	2	—
Pernambuco	—	—	—	7
Rondônia	—	1	1	—
CANADA	3	—	—	—
Quebec	1	—	—	—
Saskatchewan	2	—	—	—
COLOMBIA	—	7	7	—
Cesar	—	1	1	—
Guaviare	—	1	1	—
Meta	—	1	1	—
Norte de Santander	—	1	1	—
Putumayo	—	3	3	—
ECUADOR	—	2	...	—
Napo	—	2	...	—
PERU	—	25	20	—
Ayacucho	—	8	7	—
Junín	—	9	5	—
San Martín	—	7	7	—
...	—	1	1	—
UNITED STATES	9	—	—	18
California	6	—	—	3
Florida	1	—	—	—
Maryland	1	—	—	—
Nevada	—	—	—	2
New Mexico	—	—	—	13
Pennsylvania	1	—	—	—
VENEZUELA	—	4	4	—
Mérida	—	3	3	—
Sucre	—	1	1	—

—None.

... Data not available.

Toxic-Shock Syndrome

The United States and Canada have reported a large number of cases of a newly recognized disease known as toxic-shock syndrome (TSS).

Although some cases of this disease were recognized since 1975, between January and October 1980, 408 were reported in the United States; 394 (96.5 per cent) oc-

curred in menstruating women, and the case fatality ratio was 9.8 per cent. As of 27 November, 22 cases had been reported in Canada, of which 17 were confirmed. Only one suspected case died.

The syndrome is characterized by sudden onset of high fever with vomiting and profuse watery diarrhea, some-